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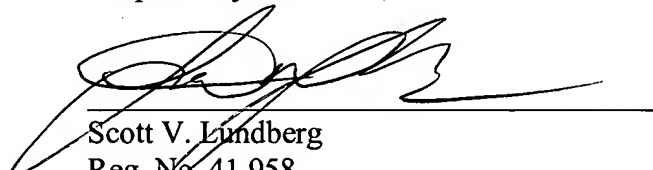
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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, *et seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified Application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to MPEP §609, Applicant further requests that the Examiner initial next to each reference on the Form 1449 to indicate that the listed references have been considered. Applicant further requests that a copy of the initialed Form 1449 be returned with the next official communication.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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